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## Local Mambas program dominates at National Club Challenge



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### EVENTS

We welcome news about upcoming Southeastern Indiana events from area not-for-profit organizations. Email them to [news@greensburgdailynews.com](mailto:news@greensburgdailynews.com). Questions may be directed to Kevin Green at 812-651-0885.

#### MAY 7

11:30 a.m.: Local National Day of Prayer gathering at The Branch on the west side of the Greensburg square. A second gathering will take place at 6 p.m. at the same location.

4:30 to 7 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Church of Napoleon monthly smorgasbord dinner. Everyone welcome. Full meals \$14 per person; carryout available.

6 p.m.: Batesville Dementia Caregivers Support Group meeting, Margaret Mary Health, 321 Mitchel Ave., Batesville. Free and open to all area residents.

6:30 p.m.: Batesville Advisory Plan Commission meeting, Memorial Building.

6:30 p.m.: Batesville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, Memorial Building.

#### MAY 8

Noon: Rush County Commissioners meeting for a courthouse renovation workshop. 1 p.m.: Rush County Commissioner meeting to work on the county's 2027 budget. Both meetings in the Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room.

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#### MAY 11

5 p.m.: Rushville Redevelopment Commission meeting, Suite 200, Rushville City Center, 330 N. Main St.

6:30 p.m.: Batesville Board of Works & Safety meeting, Memorial Building. Batesville Council meeting follows.

#### MAY 12

5:30 p.m.: Greensburg Board of Works meeting. 6:30 p.m.: Greensburg City Council meeting. Both at City Hall, 314 W. Washington St.

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## And the winners are ...

### 2026 Primary Election results

STAFF REPORT

The Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Primary Election is over. The following details local contested races only.

#### DECATUR COUNTY

Decatur County Council District 2: (R) Bryan Messer and (R) Danny D. Peters were both running for their party's nomination. Messer was the winner with 230 votes (60.05%).

For Decatur County Council District 3: (R) Andrew David Brunni and (R) Deanna L. Burkart were both running for their party's nomination.

Brunni was the winner with 264 votes (67.35%).

For Decatur County Council District 4: (R) Ashley Emsweller Tungate and (R) Larry Heger were both seeking their party's nomination. Heger was the winner with 309 votes (54.40%).

For Clay Township Trustee: (R) David R. Israel and (R) Tasha Meece were both seeking their party's nomination. Israel won with 72 votes (60.5%).

For Clinton Township Trustee: (R) Shawn Fields and (R) Rhonda Trenkamp both ran for their party's nomination. Trenkamp won with 26 votes (50.98%).

There were four candidates

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These Vote Center workers at the Knights of St. John Hall on S. Wilder Street in Greensburg got a brief break during a heavy rainfall Tuesday afternoon, but reported there had been a steady stream of voters throughout most of the day.

## SDHS PROM ROYALTY



Photo courtesy of Ashleigh Shouse

The South Decatur High School Prom was held Saturday at The Venue on Three in Westport. Pictured (left to right) are Prom Prince Aidan Bryant, Prom Princess Laney Seegers, Prom Queen Lanie Melton and Prom King Cayle Misner.



## Greensburg Community Schools receives national recognition

Named a distinguished district for transforming the student experience through real-world connection and workforce-aligned pathways

Greensburg Community Schools has been recognized as a 2025-26 Project Lead The Way Distinguished District.

This honor celebrates school districts across the U.S. that are committed to increasing student access, engagement and achievement in career-connected learning through its PLTW programs. GCS is helping students develop transferable skills needed to succeed in an evolving future.

"This recognition celebrates the overall emphasis placed on STEM education at GCS spanning all grade levels, K-12. I am proud of the commitment from our teachers and the accomplishments of our students are being recognized at a national level," GCS superintendent Tom Hunter said.

PLTW is a national nonprofit organization that creates transformative learning experiences and empowers students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills for future careers.

To qualify for this honor, Greensburg Community Schools must have had at least 20% of students in each grade, K-12, participate in a PLTW program during the 2024-25 school year, or have had every school in the district earn the PLTW Distinguished School award.

Greensburg Community Schools offers PLTW Launch (PreK-5), PLTW Gateway (6-8),

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## Batesville Singers qualify for State Mixed Choir Finals

Batesville Singers, Batesville High School's elite mixed choir, has earned a spot in the Indiana State School Music Association's 2026 State Concert Finals for Mixed Choirs. The prestigious event will take place Saturday, May 9, at the Pike Performing Arts Center at Pike High School in Indianapolis.

Finalist choirs are selected from schools across Indiana, regardless of enrollment size. The Mixed Choir Finals begin at 2:45 p.m., with Batesville scheduled to perform at 5:15 p.m. Awards will be presented at 8:55 p.m. All participating ensembles will be recognized as State Finalists during the awards ceremony.

Earlier this spring, the 42 members of Batesville Singers made school history by qualifying for the ISSMA State Show Choir Finals (Small Schools Division) with its "Game Night" production, marking the first time a Batesville group advanced to state finals in show choir competition.

Following that achievement, the



Photo provided

The Batesville Singers has earned a spot at Saturday's Indiana State School Music Association's 2026 State Concert Finals for Mixed Choirs.

ensemble quickly shifted its focus to concert choir repertoire. To qualify for the State Concert Finals, Batesville ranked among the top 16 mixed choirs in Indiana based on vocal performance and sight-reading scores at the regional level.

"Making it to two ISSMA state finals events this year with the same group of students is a testament to the strength of our music programs," BHS choir director Dan Borns said. "Qualifying for State Mixed Choir Concert Finals is

especially remarkable, given the size of our school. Unlike show choir, there are no divisions or classes for this competition. We are, by far, the smallest school to have qualified. In fact, all of the other finalists have significantly larger enrollments—from two to more than seven times our student population. I'm incredibly proud of our students and their dedication to excellence in vocal performance."

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